

# **EXHIBIT C**

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**From:** cynthia\_sweeney@ios.doi.gov on behalf of OS, OS FOIA <osfoia@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 22, 2018 7:22 AM  
**To:** Takahashi, Taiga (SD)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: FOIA Request Status OS-2018-01329

Dear Mr. Takahashi,

At this time, we are still waiting on the program offices to send us all potentially responsive records for the request that you inquired about as we do not retain records in the OS FOIA office. Once we have those records, we can begin processing them. While we cannot provide you a timeline at this point, please be assured we are working to complete your request as promptly as we can.

Thanks,  
Cindy Sweeney

On Wed, Aug 15, 2018 at 5:17 PM, <[Taiga.Takahashi@lw.com](mailto:Taiga.Takahashi@lw.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon:

I am writing to inquire as to the status of this request. The attached letter noted that your office was invoking a 10-workday extension, which would have run around August 1. Please let me know the status of this request.

Thank you.

**Taiga Takahashi**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 18, 2018 12:20 PM  
**To:** Takahashi, Taiga (SD) <[Taiga.Takahashi@lw.com](mailto:Taiga.Takahashi@lw.com)>  
**Subject:** FOIA Request - Acknowledgement Letter

Dear Taiga Takahashi,

Please find attached the acknowledgment letter for FOIA request OS-2018-01329.

Thanks,

Michelle

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July 18, 2018

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Dear Taiga Takahashi:

On, June 22, 2018 you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

Request the following federal records dated from January 1, 2016 to the present related to the Newland Project located in:

- Any and all communications between any employee of the Office of the Secretary, including but not limited to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and Newland Real Estate Group, LLC, Rita Brandin, including phone records, meeting requests, meeting notes, calendars, letters, text messages, voicemails and emails from any known email address, including but not limited to rbrandin@newlandco.com or @newlandco.com.
- Any and all communications between any employee of the Office of the Secretary, including but not limited to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and the Building Industry Association, James Whalen or Jim Whalen, including phone records, meeting requests, meeting notes, calendars, letters, text messages, voicemails and emails from any known email address, including but not limited to jwhalen@jwhalen.net.
- Any and all communications between any employee of the Office of the Secretary, including but not limited to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and any member of the House of Representatives or his/her staff, including phone records, meeting requests, meeting notes, calendars, letters, text messages, voicemails and emails from any known email address, including but not limited to Robert.Rische@mail.house.gov or @mail.house.gov.

Taiga Takahashi

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Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA on June 22, 2018 and assigned control number **OS-2018-01329**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

We have classified you as an “other-use” requester. As such, we may charge you for some of our search and duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our review costs; you are also entitled to up to 2 hours of search time and 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.39](#). If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.37\(g\)](#)

You have asked for copies of agency records. According to our regulations, you may choose the format of disclosure for such records. Unless you specify otherwise, the Office of the Secretary will provide copies of responsive records electronically via email or CD-ROM as scanned PDF images when the responsive records exceed 50 pages.

Because we will need to consult with one or more bureaus of the Department in order to properly process your request, the Office of the Secretary FOIA office is taking a 10-workday extension under [43 C.F.R. § 2.19](#). For the same reason, we are placing your request under the “Complex” processing track. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.19](#).

In the interim, if you have any questions regarding the status of your request, or any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Cindy Sweeney by phone at 202-513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by e-mail at os\_foia@ios.doi.gov or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

 Digitally signed by CLARICE  
JULKA  
Date: 2018.07.18 14:48:22 -04'00'

Clarice Julka  
Office of the Secretary  
FOIA Officer